2nd June FOREIGN ARTISANS IN ENGLAND

Monsieur Caron, Agent for the States of the United Provinces of the Low Countries, hath lately made suit to the Queen and the Council on behalf of divers poor men of those countries living in London, some of them candlemakers or exercising like manual trades He petitioned that certain proceedings under penal statutes made against them might be stayed, and these poor men permitted to continue their accustomed trades whereby they maintain themselves and their families Hereupon those that laid the informations, being called before the Council, brought in their defence some requests from the Lord Mayor showing that of late years the numbers of handicraftsmen of strangers are so much increased within the City and suburbs that the freemen of the City are supplanted and their living taken from them These strangers who came hither in these times of trouble abroad the better to enjoy the free exercise of their consciences are so extraordinarily favoured that some are grown to great wealth Some of them convey beyond the seas the commodities of this realm, whereby the prices of divers things are increased and the Queen deceived in her custom

The Council now instruct Sir Henry Killigrew and other gentlemen to make inquisition how many strangers of every nation use handicrafts that are not allowable in the City and suburbs, where they inhabit, what occupations they use, how many both men and women they keep in their houses, how long they have been in the realm, to what churches they resort, and whether they keep any English born in their houses

This inquisition is to be made with as much secrecy as may be whereby neither the English artisans and

apprentices tale any comfort or boldness to contemn the strangers, or the poor strangers be made afraid to be hardly used.

yd June PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays at the Rose Theatre during this past week were *Harry the Sixth, Tamar Cam, The Spanish Tragedy, Machtavel, The Jew of Malta, Muly Mullocco*

$thjvne THE DISASTER IN BRITTANY

Sir Henry Unton, the ambassador in France, hath now reported at length upon the disaster m Brittany It appeareth